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*The Monthly Newsletter of the Pakenham Auto Club*  
**MAY 2009**



Adam Bloomfield is about to become the first driver to shower the timing tower at Kyneton.  
VCAS round 2, 15/03/09.

## CLUB CALENDAR

DATE	DISCIPLINE	EVENT	LOCATION
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rally	Gil Davis rally – HRA and (run jointly) George Woods Introductory Trial – PCCV <b>HELPERS REQUIRED</b> – see Glad	Powelltown / Noojee
May 1/3 <sup>rd</sup>	VB Supercars	Winton Raceway	Winton
* May 7 <sup>th</sup>	General meeting	<b>General Meeting</b> Pakenham Hall Cnr. John and Henry Streets 8-00pm	Pakenham
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Social	Mother's Day	Your Mother's Home
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sprint	HSCCV/FFCC Sandown Sprint	Sandown
May 15/16 <sup>th</sup>		Shannons Nationals	Philip Island
* May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Rally – VRC-2	East Gippsland Stages - MUCC	East Gippsland
* May 17 <sup>th</sup>	VCAS Round 4	Melton SC	Melton
* May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Motorkhana – VMC – 4	DSCC Grass/Dirt Peter Short 0419 464 091	Deniliquin
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Display	Australian Historic Motoring Day	All over Australia, In your Town.
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Display	Classic Showcase. British and European Motoring Show	Flemington Racecourse
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Rally - touring assembly	The Italian Connection - Rallysport	North East/ Mansfield
* May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Motorkhana – VMC – 5 Group 5 Round 3	FFCC/TCCA Dirt Nicholas Charrett 9758 4208 May only be a Grp 5 round, and not combined with VMC	Werribee
May 23/24 <sup>th</sup>	Sprint	State Race Series	Sandown Racecourse
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Rally	The Number 9 Trial	Maryborough/ Bendigo
* May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee	McGregor Rd	Pakenham
* May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Motorkhana – PAC - may be a khanacross	PAC – Come and try – McGregor Rd – let the director know if you know of a “come and tryer”	Pakenham
May 29 <sup>th</sup> June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Historics	Historic Winton.	Winton Raceway
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Sprint	PIARC Philip Island Sprint	Philip Island
* June 4 <sup>th</sup>	General meeting	<b>General Meeting</b> Pakenham Hall Cnr. John and Henry Streets 8-00pm	Pakenham
June 6/7 <sup>th</sup>	VCAS - Practice Event	Swan Hill SCC	Swan Hill
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Rally – VRC-3	Bega Valley Rally – Marmelang	Bega/Eden
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Hillclimb	GCC Multiclub Hillclimb	Haunted Hills
* June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Rally – VCRS-2	Nissan Nightmoves - NCCA	Bendigo/ Heathcote/ Rushworth
* June 13 <sup>th</sup>	VCAS - Round 5	PAC Saturday Twilight.	Maffra
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Swap Meet	All Makes Swap Meet	Sandown Racecourse
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Hillclimb	VHCC Round 5 DECCA	Shepparton

June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Autocross	M&DCC	Boisdale
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Rally - touring road event	The Wangarally - NECC	North East Victoria
* June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee	McGregor Rd	Pakenham
* June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Motorkhana – PAC	PAC – McGregor Rd	Pakenham
* July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	General meeting	<b>General Meeting</b> Pakenham Hall Cnr. John and Henry Streets 8-00pm	Pakenham
* July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Motorkhana – VMC - 6	MUCC Bitumen Peter Otzen 9682 0657	SPT Somerton
Jul 18 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting	AOMC Delegates Seminar, East Malvern RSL.	East Malvern
* July 25 <sup>th</sup>	VCAS - Round 6	MADCC Sat Twilight.	Maffra
July 26 <sup>th</sup>	Display	Shannons Classic Australian Car Show.	Flemington Racecourse
* August 6 <sup>th</sup>	General meeting	<b>General Meeting</b> Pakenham Hall Cnr. John and Henry Streets 8-00pm	Pakenham
* August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee	McGregor Rd	Pakenham
* August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Motorkhana – PAC	PAC – McGregor Rd	Pakenham
* August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Motorkhana – VMC – 7	PCCV Dirt David Isherwood 9873 3342	Werribee TBC
* August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	VCAS - Round 7	CCC Sat Daylight.	Bendigo
August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Swap Meet	All Makes Swap Meet and Super Chev. Sunday	Sandown Racecourse
* September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	General meeting	<b>General Meeting</b> Pakenham Hall Cnr. John and Henry Streets 8-00pm	Pakenham
September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Social	Father's Day	Your father's Home
* September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Motorkhana – VMC – 8	Saturday BCC Bitumen Brian Shanahan 5442 5439	Bendigo
* September 26/27 <sup>th</sup> TBC	Motorkhana – PAC	PAC – McGregor Rd	Pakenham
* September 27 <sup>th</sup>	VCAS -Round 8	Shepparton DCC	Shepparton
* October 1 <sup>st</sup>	General meeting	<b>General Meeting</b> Pakenham Hall Cnr. John and Henry Streets 8-00pm	Pakenham
October 3/4 <sup>th</sup> TBC	Motorkhana – AMC	AMC NSW Bitumen Bill McCarthy 9744 6874	Nirimba Sydney NSW
October 9/11 <sup>th</sup>	Bathurst	Bathurst 1000	Bathurst
* October 18 <sup>th</sup>	VCAS - Round 9	FFCC	Melton
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Khanacross Group 5	FFCC/TCCA Grass/Dirt Nicholas Charrett 9758 4208	Werribee
* October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Motorkhana – PAC	PAC – McGregor Rd	Pakenham
* October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Rally	<b>Yackerboo – PAC</b>	Neerim

Events marked \* will count towards club point scores.

**Sunday Coffee:** Some members gather for an informal meeting on Sunday mornings at Lakeside Pakenham approx. 8.00a.m. This is a good chance to take your club permitted car for a run, just make sure you shove this copy of “The Oil Rag” in the glove box.

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## ***President's Report - Glad Fish***

Here we are in April, the middle of autumn. Most of us have survived the bushfire season. My sympathy to those members who suffered losses during that terrible time, and others who were uncomfortably close to the fires.

Autumn is that time of year when we have a few hot sunny days left over from summer and we get a few cold wet days to prepare us for winter. But mostly it is a gentler combination of both. During autumn we can prepare ourselves and our homes for winter. Buy a new warm coat, check the leaking spouting and stock up on fire wood.

What about the car? Give it a "health check". You don't really want to breakdown on a deserted road on a cold wet night. That first heavy rain after a long dry spell, totally changes the road conditions. Are you ready for those changes? Is your car ready for the changes? You replaced that old winter coat with a nice new warm one. When did you last look at your tyres? How are your tyres? You know how important good tyres are to the road handling of your car. Can you stop to avoid an accident? Of course you can. Will you be able to stop to avoid the same accident on a wet road? Will you be able to stop to avoid the same accident on a wet road with your present tyres?

I am just asking the questions. Have you got the right answers?

I recently had an overdue service done on my car. The friendly mechanic (a PAC member) suggested I should consider new tyres. So I had a look at my "perfectly good" tyres. I now have 4 new tyres. I am now ready for the winter and feeling a little bit guilty at neglecting something that I can not exist without. It is now such a pleasure to drive my car since it had some essential "tender loving care". And my new tyres improved the handling so much in the dry, just bring on the rain.

So give your car a health check and a new winter coat (or 4). I now feel save, even with me driving but more important I am looking after others, especially my most regular passenger, 10 year old Mitch.

Who is your most regular passenger? What are you doing to keep them safe?

Happy winter motoring from your President.

## ***Secretary – Fred Jasher***

### **General Meeting Minutes from 2 April 2009 – Held at the Elfin Heritage Centre**

Meeting Opened: 8:05 – Held at the Elfin Heritage Centre Moorabbin

Apologies: Nil

No Matters arising

Correspondence

Out – Nil

In – Austin 7 Club - Historic Winton May 30/31, 4 Complimentary tickets (to be raffled at May General Meeting)

Treasurers Report:

Acc for payment: \$150 Rutter Reserve Hire  
\$80 VMC Trophy Fund  
\$250 Elfin Heritage Centre  
\$92 VMC Permit.

Moved for payment by Alan Upton, seconded by Dale Allan

No account balance updates this month

Meeting Closed 8.20pm

### **Committee Meeting 16 April 2009 (edited)**

Apologies: Stephen Gallagher

Treasurer's Report:   \$36234.86 Sandhurst Inv A/C  
                              \$40,000.00 W/Pac Inv A/C  
                              \$8093.10 W/Pac Chq A/C

Accounts for Payment:     \$102.60 & \$114.53 John Hill  
                                  \$230 Trophy Fund VCRS Series  
                                  \$191.40 Website Hosting 12 months

Receipts:                 \$45 – 26/4 Motorkhana Entries  
                              \$830 – M/Ships

Membership:

3 Honorary Life members, 134 Adults, 39 juniors, 34 members are currently un-financial

Rally: Bonnie Doon VCRS event 18/4 Full field.  
East Gippsland stages 16 May.  
VCRS Meeting April - Series regulations finalised.  
George Woods/ Gil Davis event May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Speed: VCAS Bendigo 19/4 - 85 entries.  
Next round – Melton 17<sup>th</sup> May.  
VCAS Committee meeting May 1<sup>st</sup> @ CAMS.

Motorkhana: 6 entries so far for 26/4 club event. Come & try at 8.30am on the day.  
Trophies for VMC PAC round to be available for VMC3 Werribee May 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Discussion re variations between CAMS & VMC/Club classes

Meeting Co-ordinator: MAY General Meeting at Pakenham Hall.

Social Activities co-ordinator: Club to contact Wayne Stewart - Melbourne City Toyota re July General meeting.  
NOT watching videos!!!

Scorer & Web Master: Event results to be sent to Keith. It's not up to Keith to chase results.

General Business: Discussions to take place with Shire re multi club events.

Permission to be requested to have ATCO portable building placed on grounds. John Hill to report ASAP.

Bitumen events to be added to calendar.

## ***Membership Secretary - Alan Bloomfield***

Membership this month consists of a total of 176, with 3 Honorary Life members, 134 adult members and 39 junior members.

We now have 34 un-financial members.

Our life members are: John Carney, John Hill & Nick Wright.

## ***Rally Co-ordinator - Dale Allan***

Hi all, on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of April, a beautiful autumn sunrise gave everyone a taste of the perfect Rally Bonnie Doon day that was to follow. A very popular event with a field limit of 60 vehicles, it was oversubscribed to the tune of approx 95 vehicles. With short daylight hours, a field extension, everyone finishing in daylight was not going to be possible.

The 1<sup>st</sup> round of the VCRS consisted of 5 stages run through twice, with a few services chucked in for good measure.

The event didn't start off well for PAC members Ted and Joel Perkins with their Cortina blowing a head gasket before the start of the event. They were however reported still smiling and helping others during the event.

The 1<sup>st</sup> stage saw PAC members Brian Shand/David McAdam's Starion run wide on a very fast right hander and cut their day short. Twelve other crews were to end their day before the half way mark including 2 rollovers, 1 more off road and 9 with mechanical woes. This included the Darren Sooks/Matt de Vaus Stanza with rear brake problems and the Mark Attwood/ Richard Clough Escort with gearbox issues.

Other PAC members had a very much more productive (lucky) day with Adam Bloomfield /Kimberley Barson's Commodore limping into the finish with only 4<sup>th</sup> gear left, in 21<sup>st</sup> position out of 59 starters and 42 finishers. The Kylie Evans/Jenny Cole Subaru finished 17<sup>th</sup> just behind the Troy Donohue/Sue Mc Cready Commodore who were only notified of their entry into the field a few days before the event. Matt Fenner and Tim Struchberry in an Evo III Lancer finished 6<sup>th</sup> outright with Matt not feeling well, (imagine the result if he was feeling 100 percent?), 5<sup>th</sup> was Steve Kenway and Darren Roberts in a Subaru WRX.

Next PAC crew was the ex-Robison Subaru Legacy with Ross Allan/ Scott Allan steering it into 3<sup>rd</sup> outright without a terratrip and a few other issues. Next, to everyone's amazement, was a 40 year old 2WD Datsun 1600 with Carl Stewart/Dean Price (non PAC) in 2<sup>nd</sup> outright who were leading at the halfway point, behind the winning crew of Nathan Reeves/Rory Lyle (non PAC) in a Subaru WRX (also without a terratrip) who clawed their way back after the half way point having had no boost with turbo problems.

A great day with another well run Rally Bonnie Doon. Thanks to ALL officials who helped to make it happen and to other competitors who come to help when needed.

## ***Club Scorer - Keith Wells***

Hi everyone,

There's no point score update this month as there is not a lot of change due to a lack of results being sent in. Please remember to submit results for any events you enter/attend.

Thanks.

## ***Rally Bonnie Doon Report - Scott Allan***

With the Black Saturday Fires causing many of the usual events that kick off the season every year to be cancelled, it seemed that unlike last year's efforts of two-and-a-half hours sleep before starting Cerberus, this year we'd have a few more months of Rally-car preparation up our sleeves and maybe even get a good night's sleep before this year's first event in Bonnie Doon? Yeah. I wasn't buying it either.

This year we made the transition from standard FWD ladies car (Hyundai Excel), to a Turbo 4WD man's car (the sparkly new Subaru Legacy). This meant that whilst we'd have more speed, better grip and hopefully better stage times, I still had reservations about if I was man enough for the aforementioned vehicle transition. And like I said before, the chance of little sleep leading up to its maiden voyage with all the preparation that needed to be put into the car before the first event on the rally calendar didn't help.

We honestly thought we would be in bed before the street light came on, the Friday before Bonnie Doon, with the only things left to do was fix the handbrake, put on names and door squares and wire in the terratrip.

*The following is a transcribed description of where it all came back to bite us.*

**Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> 2100hrs:** "Okay guys, just take the car up the road and make sure the terra trip's working"

**Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> 2120hrs:** "It's not working? Tie the green wire to the blue one"

**Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> 2200hrs:** "What the hell, where does this wire..... oh hang on, yeah here it....."

**Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> 2300hrs:** "Where'd you get this wire from, an old kettle??"

**Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> 0100hrs:** "Screw this.. we're going to bed, we'll fix it in the morning"

Three hours later we were all loaded up in the Shane Reid mobile, singing the line that finds itself abused every year: "We're going to Bonnie Doon"

For anyone expecting a happy ending, sorry. The terratrip problem was never correctly diagnosed, and we were forced to run the event using only some distant-measuring techniques I had picked up from watching season 3 of McGyver. Luckily the event also used the same 5 stages (each run twice) as the two previous years, so it was more like running the event vision impaired, rather than completely blind.

Heading into stage 1, Ross and I were both aware of the treacherous bend right after a spectator point that never fails to claim at least one car every year. A right turn on a crest that deceptively drops down to the right, has a drain on the left hand side which loves to eat rally cars.

This year Brian Shand and Dave McAdam fell victim to it, although both they and the car seemed to come out relatively unscathed, especially in comparison to some of the early retirements that have occurred there in previous years. We also heard plenty of 'near-miss stories' about that particular corner at the end of the event.

With stage 1 barely making the 4km mark, Ross was hanging out for a stage with a bit more meat to teat the legs of the new beast. Unfortunately stage 2 didn't really have much to offer on the distance side, but what it lacked in length it made up for it with tight twists and more of a challenging surface.

Stage 3 was finally the one to really get the most out of the car, lots of fast flowing corners, with large drop-offs and plenty of chances to take advantage of the extra grip and the new 'power on tap'. After a minor detour on my behalf, we arrived at stage 4 late, incurring a penalty of 20secs. A few words were exchanged between Ross and I before stage 4 began.

Now, I reckon I've called about 12 "caution; culvert" calls to Ross over our vast rallying career but I still have no idea what the hell one even is, or looks like, but apparently there was one was right before a specky point.

After the massive 700m transport, it was time to head into Stage 5. This is the stage that gave Ashley Allan and me an early retirement the year before. So it is one that I remember well. "Road goes right, off camber" well, I must have called that to Ross about 5 times, even though it was quite a picturesque place to come off. With two

picnic benches and a spot for a campfire I guess it couldn't be that bad?? We then headed back to the big service of the day, with nothing major or even minor for that matter, wrong with the car.

Once we'd eaten our cut-lunch, and did some cool poses by the car, it was time to head out for round two. The second pass though all the stages were surprisingly not quite as fast as the first pass. There were some boost cutting problems on the second pass of stage 3 (now stage 6) and trying to find someone on the officiating side of things to go and collect the rear section of our exhaust that had fallen off somewhere through stage 2, apart from that everything was smooth.

The only thing we did have on our agenda was to go back and have a second attempt at spectator point 2, the one that had made a fool of us on the first pass. Now, I don't want to gloat, but let's just say Ross had a pretty sound sleep that night.

As my rally seat was still dry by the end of the event, I guess the answer was 'yes', I was man enough for the transition.

### *Editor - Stephen Gallagher*

Thanks to those have sent items for me to publish, be it words or photos for this month. It is certainly a better magazine when we have contributions.

Please keep sending in more to help make the magazine a worthy read.

### *April 23<sup>rd</sup> Motorkhana Report – Jarryd Wells*

Arriving at the McGregor Road ground around 10 o'clock, we were a bit surprised to see as people in attendance as we did. We thought that there wouldn't be much of a turn out because of the weather. But it didn't stop the eager competitors.

Scrutiny was carried out as usual and there were no dramas for any cars. Once the drivers briefing was over we started early. This was due to only having about 20 or so competitors.

The first couple of tests were fairly good with a pretty dry surface that was not very slippery.....yet. The dry weather didn't stop WDs for me, my brother or my dad on the first three tests. Then the rain came and it didn't just rain it poured. A combination of the very strong wind and rain made for interesting conditions. I didn't have time to see to many other competitors but from what I did see, it was obvious Adam Bloomfield had it in the bag, barring any mechanical issues.

When lunch rolled round the wind got stronger and so did the rain. We thought that they might cancel the day but we kept going. Oddly enough the start garages weren't to muddy, however the finish garages were. My cousin who decided to come down and have a look was very keen to see if my dad could actually stop when entering the start garage. Amazingly he did, but took off in an almost uncontrollable wheel spin. From there on in, speed was nothing over walking pace because it was so slippery. The next two tests were fun however very slippery; as a result the last two tests were cancelled.

So overall it was a very gloomy day weather wise but very fun and enjoyable. I know I had a great day and I am sure everybody else did too.

## ***Motorkhana Co-ordinator - Peter Morrison***

Hello everyone,

On Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> the club held its first Come & Try day for the year. This was followed by our second club Motorkhana at McGregor Road for 2009. Apart from the weather (more on that later) a small group of 20 competitors enjoyed a good selection of tests chosen by the Clerk of the Course John Hill.

We had 3 participants in the Come & Try, Findlay Rayson, Samantha Stilbury & Marcus McCathie, who were briefed in the finer points of motorsport participation and etiquette by John Carney (thanks John), before completing a number of supervised runs through the Straight Slalom. All performed well, and decided to stay on and compete in the Motorkhana.

After the Come and Try the first tests for the motorkhana commenced in very cold and windy (very – Ed) conditions. It was so windy the flags had to be taped to the supporting poles! The ground was surprisingly dry and grippy, and this led to a bit of difficulty getting the tail round in the front drive cars. No such problems for Adam Bloomfield in his Commodore V8 though, who power slid his way skilfully through “Noughts and Crosses” and “Happy Birthday”.

Lunch was held after the first 4 tests and this was the signal for the heavens to open. Competition resumed in sleeting rain, and the amount of grip available was almost zero. The average speed was not much greater than walking pace, and many a competitor slid helplessly sideways past and over flags. Some competitors almost slowed to a stop from the lack of grip on the course with the driven wheels still going hard. Due to the conditions it was decided to abandon the final 2 tests.

Thanks go to John Hill for running the event, Eddy Eastwood for performing scrutineering, Peter Evans, Andrew McCathie, Glad Fish and Mick Kelly for timekeeping, and the competitors and their families and friends for turning up and making it a great day despite the weather. Results will be on the website soon

Our next event is scheduled for Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> of May at McGregor Road and is intended to be a Khanacross. Whilst still a Non-Speed event, the Khanacross will provide competitors with an opportunity to compete on a longer course where the usual Motorkhana car control skills will be tested at slightly higher speeds, together with braking and cornering skills.

We hope to see a large turn out of club members for this event, just remember to order a dry day!

## ***Classifieds***

I'm on the hunt for some 4x114.3 mags to suit my RWD Lancer, 14 x 6 preferred. If you have some you want rid of, contact Stephen on 0411 070 840.

Got something car related to sell, swap or buy. Let us know.

## *Last Run at Kyneton for VCAS – Jade Lawson*

It all started out typically Victorian. Raining and cold, yet dusty and far too dry to light a fire. On the upside, the rain and earlier preparation had done wonders for the track and the first lap was slippery at first and perfect for the end of the field.

Class B, which ran first, were beaten by the late running class A by an average of 10 seconds or more. The old “Labrador on lino” cliché is probably a fair comparison for some of the big old girls on road tyres early on.

As the track dried out it held together well, only one small section needed to be changed slightly during the day. Obviously my sabotage attempts on the water truck were yet again unsuccessful. It also made a much needed appearance in the middle of the day. Adam Bloomfield actually managed to block the sun from the scoring shed with dust as he came over the finish line, very sideways as always. Did I mention it was raining, on and off, all day?

Kyneton Car Club will have scooped the club points with 7 wins from 9 classes however PAC were a respectable second with 1 win and 2 seconds from Jade Lawson, Allen Cartledge and Eli Evans.

One highlight of the day was to see, not one, but four of the Evans family compete. It was really great to see Simon, Sue, Jackson and Eli out there having a go in an old Toyota T18 and Ford Laser. It is not your average VCAS event that an ARC championship winner turns up for a run. From what I saw they enjoyed themselves and we really hope they will be back again soon.

Unfortunately as the title suggests Kyneton Car Club are no longer permitting rally tyres on their track. Pending an unlikely change of heart from KCC, this may have been the last VCAS event to be held at Kyneton. This is a terrible shame as it was a great day and it is a great track. So if you know any KCC members or committee members get in their ear and stir up some trouble....



Kevin Johnston (Subaru WRX) around the last corner at Kyneton.

## *My Car – Greg Wyatt*

Here is a picture of my new rally car project. It is an Alfa Romeo GTV6, 1983 model with a 2.5 Litre engine. The plan is to fit 3 litre pistons and crankshaft to give me around 250 HP.



This car is now caged and the assembly process is under way. Car will be ready for its 1st rally maybe June or July. Certainly it will be entered in the Alpine Rally in November. And it will be RED!!!

I'll wave as I pass you.

# Historic Winton

The club has been given 4 tickets which cover entry for both Saturday & Sunday. The value of each ticket is \$50. We will be raffling them at the May general meeting, so make sure you come along with some coins to be in the running.



## The Austin Seven Club Inc. cordially invites your members to join us at this years 33<sup>rd</sup> Historic Winton to be held at Winton Motor Raceway

The traditional highlight of our meeting is the wonderful display put on by car and motorcycle clubs in our Shannons Classic Car Park and we invite all classic car and motorbike owners to join us, especially on Sunday May 31st when there is so much action happening.

Winton Motor Raceway is 10 Km north of Benalla, just off the Hume Freeway and many clubs take the opportunity to make our event their destination for a weekend run or as a focal point for their own special event. If required an accommodation list can be downloaded from our website.

This year we have extended our activities to include a morning tour of the Benalla district on Friday May 29<sup>th</sup>, followed by a static display of classic vehicles and race cars outside the Benalla Civic Centre, commencing at 2.30 pm. Anyone with a special interest vehicle is invited to participate

To assist us with our planning we would appreciate if you could advise us of your clubs intended participation in advance. See our website for further information [www.historicwinton.org](http://www.historicwinton.org)

### Special features in 2009 include

- # The 'Fabulous Fifties', with famous sports cars from the 1950s being showcased in competition events and on prominent display within our special interest car park
- # American muscle cars of the era alongside an exiting display of 1950s hot rods
- # 'Soft- top Sunday ' highlighting 1950's British sports cars and American convertibles
- # The ' Presidents Selection' showcasing a group of rare and exotic pre-war vehicles
- # A tribute to Lou Molina and his famous race cars
- # An entirely new selection of pioneering and innovative ' Aussie Specials'
- # 100 years of Morgan, 90 years of Bentley, 50 years of the Triumph Herald  
50 years of the Mini, 50 years of MG TD, 50 years of Jaguar Mark 2

As usual we will be conducting 46 action packed events over the weekend, covering all historic groups from pre-war to 1984, including 18 motorbike and sidecar races. Approx 280 racecars and 110 racing bikes will be in attendance and the trackside action will again be non-stop.

We look forward to seeing you at our meeting and we will again present awards for cars and motorcycles that are of special interest. Please listen for announcements on Sunday afternoon.

### ADMISSION CHARGES

- Saturday: \$ 20.00 practice from 9.00 am ; racing from 1.00 pm Pit pass: \$ 5.00
- Sunday: \$ 30.00 racing all day from 9.00 am Children Under 14 FREE

**Please find enclosed complementary tickets and posters**

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**1979**

The most interesting facet to the May 1979 Newsletter is the fact that it's hand written, not typed. I suspect also that the file copy is missing a page too, so there isn't a lot of information to report on.

**1989**

For the information of those members who collect P.A.C. memorabilia, the stubby Holders that form the centre piece of your collection are now twenty years old. They probably need another twenty years or so of age on them before they start to realize their true monetary value as a fine collectable. So hang in there.

**1999**

Speaking of fine collectables and hanging in there. The 99 edition had a couple of photo's of the Begelhole Mustang at a sprint meeting at Winton. There's also a report on V.M.C. round 3 at Werribee by Daniel Carney, the main thrust of which seems to be that dad had forgotten to bring the gas to cook the sausages. That's why I take sandwiches for Tyson it's much easier.